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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Airfield and Firing Range Near Barth

EVALUATION

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13 June 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 6 May 1952, there was intensive flying over Barth airfield in sunny weather. The following firing practices were observed:

From	To	Activity
8:10 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	1 MiG-15 approached the target without firing
8:20 "	8:30 "	1 MiG-15 approached three times and fired on the third approach
9:10 "	9:20 "	2 MiG-15s made three approaches and fired on the first approach
12:00 "	12:20 p.m.	1 MiG-15 made three approaches and fired at the target

On 7 May, there was intensive flying by MiG-15s over the town, but the planes did not fire. There was sunny weather. On 8 May, there was no flying. Between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 9 May, flying was observed over the area of the Darss. The weather was sunny and slightly cloudy. At short intervals, there were exercises by aircraft which approached a sleeve target in units of two. Between 10 and 18 May, there was no flying. On 19 May, only night flights were made by jet fighters in hazy weather. No firing practices were observed on 19 and 20 May.

2. Between 6 and 20 May, swept-back jet fighters approached the target at a lesser angle than previously. Two or three shots fired by an aircraft cannon were definitely heard at each approach. No details concerning firing practices at the sleeve target could be observed. However, it was definitely observed that the approaches and practices were made by planes flying in units of two. *

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* Comment.

practice activity at the Barth firing range, which is used by the two fighter regiments stationed in Puetznitz. When compared with previous observations the statement that approach flights were made at a lesser angle, at an angle of less than 45 degrees, is important.

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